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Our Cover Picture

Bottom row: (left to right) Mrs. Roy (Florence) Wenger - teacher from Kent, Ohio; Dr. L. M. Rymph - Sup't Kansas C.C. Conference, Topeka; Mrs. F. Cushing (Ruth) Foss - former officer National Women's Fellowship, Edgerwood, R. I.; Miss Mary Coxhead - teacher-writer, Oakland, California; Miss Margaret Hargrove - Dean of Students at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Miss Edna Douglas - Science teacher, Little Rock, Arkansas; Mrs. Evelyn Leatherbury - (behind Miss Douglas) Secretary Danforth Foundation, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Herman Reissig - C.C.S.A. Director of Tour; Miss Jennie Dodge - Director Christian Education Council of Churches, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. George (Jack) Grant, Tour Consultant, Field Secretary for Rhodesia Missions, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia; Miss Fay Crow - retired Executive Director, Y.W.C.A., Wausau, Wisconsin.

On steps (l. to r.) Mrs. L. M. (Ruth) Rymph, Secretary Kansas C.C. Conference, Topeka; Rev. Clifford Miller, retired C.C. Minister, Boston, Mass.; Miss Frances Milliken - retired teacher, Oakland, California; Miss Portia Perry - Director of Christian Education, Second Cong'l Church, Newton, Mass.; Rev. Donald F. Blanchette - Congregational Minister, Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Mr. Cecil W. Dell - retired merchant, Billings, Montana.

It was a rewarding experience to share six wonderful weeks in Africa with these travel companions. Our lives were enriched by them and by many others who we came to know as friends and fellow Christians. Thanks again to all who made our trip possible.

Ruth and Merle Rymph

Fagans of Philippines At Fall Association Meetings

We are very happy to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fagan, who have just arrived in the states for their first furlough, will be guests at our Kansas association meetings. Natives of Montana, where both recevied their education, the Fagans went out to Midsayap in 1955 following several years in India helping with the Point IV program thru UNESCO. Previous to this both Mr. and Mrs. Fagan taught in Montana schools. An agricultural specialist, Dick Fagan has helped the Philippino people to an awareness of the church's responsibility in leading people to a better economic life, as well as giving them spiritual guidance. The Fagans have two interesting children: Bobbie - 15, who has been active in all kinds of 4-H projects, and Sharon - 18, who has just finished high school with honors and will enroll at Montana State College next fall.

Don't miss hearing the Fagans and enjoying other program features at your association meeting.

Southern—Wichita Pilgrim, Oct. 3
Eastern—K.C. First Pilgrim, Oct. 5
Western—Garden City, Oct. 9

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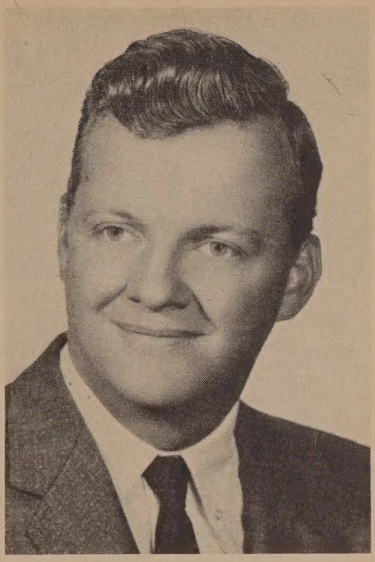
ABOUT KANSAS MINISTERS

Mount Hope Leader

The Mount Hope Federated Church, which has been vacant since the first of the year when Dr. Elmer Kirkpatrick retired, has called the Rev. Boyd E. Bonebrake of Deer Creek, Oklahoma. The Bonebrakes moved to the Mount Hope Parsonage on July first.

Mr. Bonebrake is a graduate of Bethel College at Newton and completed work for his Bachelor of Divinity Degree at Phillips in Enid this June. He comes to the fellowship of the United Church of Christ from the General Conference of the Mennonite Church. The Bonebrakes have four children: Stephen - 12, Bruce - 10, Brent - 8 and Marcia - 5.



Rev. Boyd E. Bonbrake

Merton Rymph To New Hampshire

The Rev. T. Merton Rymph, minister at Pilgrim Church in Wichita for the past five years, has resigned to accept a call to Manchester, N. H. This church has a membership of 1,000 and church property valued at a million dollars. The Rymphs will leave for their new home on October 4 following the Southern Association meeting to be held at Pilgrim on October 3.

During Mr. Rymph's pastorate at Pilgrim Church the membership has increased, a new Christian Education annex has been built and the church program has shown marked progress. He has been active in Wichita civic affairs, the conference and other work of the larger fellowship.

He returned the last of July from a four-week tour of seven Middle East countries, sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee.

Baby Boys

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Biays of Downs announce the arrival of Paul Hamilton on June 6.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Cutting of Ruby Avenue, Kansas City, announce the arrival of Andrew David on August 22.

The Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher of Wichita Concord announce the arrival of a son on September 6.

The Sandford Family

The Rev. Jack L. Sandford formerly of the Congregational Church of Streator, Illinois, accepted a call to our Council Grove Church and began leadership there the middle of July. Mr. Sandford is a graduate of Drury College and Chicago Theological Seminary. The Sandfords have four children, Loren - 10, Mark - 6, Ann - 8, and John Paul - 13 months.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Sandford have musical talent and have been active in youth work. Mr. Sandford recently accompanied five young people to the PF Planning and Training Conference at Doane College.

Waters Ordination And Call

On Sunday, June 25 at the request of the Towanda Congregational Christian Church, and Ecclesiastical Council was called by Southern Association for the purpose of examining Robert C. Waters for Ordination. Following a courtesy supper served by the host church, the council proceeded with the service of ordination. The sermon was brought by the Rev. Robert M. Rymph of Salina. Others participating were the Reverends: George Dreher, Louis Poppe, A. H. Bartter, Max Da Metz, Clay Lumpkins and Ross Shinn.

Mr. Waters resigned the Towanda pastorate to accept a call to the Federated Church at Jewell, Iowa on September first. This church has 300 members and a new church building constructed in 1955.

Economic Education Conference

About a dozen of our Kansas ministers were invited to attend the Kansas Clergy Economic Education Conference held on the K.U. Campus July 16-21. The Rev. Julian Johnson of Manhattan and the Rev. Robert Gurtler of KC Welborn attended. They give glowing reports of these sessions sponsored by the university and financed by the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. Scholarships covered all costs except transportation.

Questions such as: What is money? . . . How are prices determined? . . . Are clergymen economic producers? . . . What common problems are shared by industry, labor and agriculture? . . . Should the national budget always be in balance? . . . these and many others were considered and discussed with expert leaders.

The men attending recommend that more of our Kansas ministers attend if an invitation is extended next summer.

Topeka Church Closes Christiansens To Illinois

Rev. Ronald Christiansen who for the past year served the Fairlawn Heights E. & R. church in Topeka accepted a call to St. Johns U.C.C. in Moro, Illinois and began leadership there the first of September. Services at the Topeka Church were discontinued August first.

Minister Of Christian Education

The Rev. James H. Williams, Minister of Christian Education at Boulevard Congregational Church in Detroit, Michigan has accepted a call to a like position at First Congregational Church in Topeka. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Guilford College, N. C., and earned an M.A. degree in Christian Education at Hartford School of Religious Education. He served the Congregational Church at Crawford, Nebraska before going to Detroit in 1956. He was active in youth and camping programs in both Nebraska and Michigan.

Mr. Williams is married but has no children. He will fill the post left vacant by the Rev. Roy Hanson who left in June to work with the American Firends Service Committee in East Harlem.

Rev. James H. Williams

Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Allen

Allens To Ellis

On September first, Rev. and Mrs. William Wayne Allen of Pueblo, Colorado moved into the big stone parsonage at Ellis to begin leadership at the Ellis Congregational Church left vacant when the Gurtlers moved to Welborn Church in Kansas City June first.

The Allen's have a married daughter Margaret, two grandchildren, and a son William Wayne who graduated from Doane College in June and is preparing for the Christian ministry.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of the University of Southern California and Iliff School of Theology. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of Colorado State College at Greeley and has had 14 years teaching experience in primary grades in public schools.

School Opening Recognized

On August 27 the Anthony Congregational Church under the leadership of the Rev. Harald Wisegarver, Minister, held a service of recognition and dedication for public school teachers and pupils. When Anthony's first school opened 83 years ago the church and the school shared the same 14 x 16 room. Mr. Wisegarver contended in his sermon that there should continue to be close cooperation in the common purposes of the two institutions.

Christian Education Workshops

Six Pre-School Curriculum Workshops were conducted by the Christian Education Committees of the United Church of Christ in July and early August. While the main purpose was to introduce the new Kindergarten material, the Nursery material and the Christian Foundations course for teachers and parents of pre-school children, were also emphasized. From two to five persons gave leadership at each workshop. The background of the new curriculum and the new Nursery Leadership Training film were presented each time. This new filmstrip may be secured from the Conference Office. The Kindergarten material was on display and was discussed as were methods of planning for and teaching preschool children. Total attendance for the 6 workshops was 133 (including leaders) from 36 churches. Those giving leadership at one or more of the workshops were, Rev. Carl Kroenlein, Mrs. William Bessmer, Rev. William Bessmer, Mrs. Etta Lou Georgeson, Mrs. Charlotte Heide, Mrs. Esther Davidson, Rev. Tom Redmon, Rev. Jay Dahm and Rev. Alvin Engleman. Hosts for the workshops were Rev. Norman Manz at Cheney, Mrs. Bernice Dill at Kinsley, Rev. O. T. Meador at Stockton, Rev. David Cutting, Kansas City Ruby, Mrs. Louise Lanning, Manhattan, and Rev. Charles Aeschliman, Centralia. Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Lanning acted for their pastors, Rev. Malcolm White and Rev. Julian Johnson who were on vacation.

Any teachers having problems with the Nursery or Kindergarten curriculum are requested to ask for assistance from the Conference Office or write to Mrs. C. E. Georgeson at Lenora.

La Foret

Four Kansan's were included in the forty-nine ministers enrolled in the Annual Pastors' School at La Foret near Colorado Springs. They were, Paul Biays of Downs, Richard Wentling of Smith Center, Charles Aeschliman of Centralia, and Melvin Litchie of the United Church at Elmo.

Leadership was outstanding with such lecturers and authors as Dan Williams in Theology, Allen Wehrli in Old Testament, and Dr. Gould of England who gave a series of lectures on preaching.

Other leaders included, Dr. Wm. Frazier, Dr. Clarence Jordan, Co-Founder of Koinonia Farms in Georgia, Vernon Loescher, leading studies on worship, and Dr. Frances Eastman on our Christian Education department.

Although the schedule was filled with good solid lectures, three hours of reading each day and inspiring and challenging worship services, it was an experience never to be forgotten.

Trips of interest providing a change of pace from the rigorous schedule included the Opera, La Traviata at Central City, a Tour of the Air Force Academy, vespers, dinner, and an evening of chamber music at Colorado College, and an enjoyable trip to the top of Mt. Evans.

Charles Aeschliman, Reporting

New Prayer Calendars

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Family Camp — 1961

By Kay Dreher

Five staff families joined with twelve camper families for days of great fun, inspiration and exhileration during the ninth annual Kansas Congregational Family Camp, July 17-22, at Estes Park, Colorado.

Ages tended to weight the upper brackets this year with nursery class having the smallest enrollment and the teen-age section the largest, except for the adults. For the first time, Congregational churches at Partridge, McPherson and Centralia were represented. Judging from the comments made following the Dedication Service on the last night, these churches will reap rewards far in excess of the money they provided for registrations and scholarships. A deepening of one's Christian faith and a strengthening of one's Churchmanship as well as undergirding Christian family living are the goals of the Family Life Committee as they plan the Family Camp. Through classes, informal discussions, vespers, matins, campfire, trail friendships and volleyball games, these goals were met.

It is always gratifying to hear the enthusiasm of Kansas children who have never before seen the grandeur of the Rockies. Mike Rogers, age 5, "had not known tthe world was so big." And a boy in the junior class submitted the following prayer in his class. "Oh God, we thank Thee for the times we are together in happiness. We hope we do better each day. Help us to understand the lives of others. We are thankful you gave us the power you gave us so we could climb Teddy's Teeth Mountain. Thank you for the beauty we are in. Amen"

Eeveryone felt gratitude for Dr. and Mrs. Norman Holmes, from New Orleans, Negro representatives of our "homeland ministries" as they exemplified humility, love, gentleness, forgiveness and creativeness in their daily lives with us.

Ask any mom who went; she enjoyed the good food and vacation from kitchen chores. Ask any dad who went; he enjoyed intellectual stimulation, freedom from daily grind, volleyball and mountain climbs. Ask any children who went; they want to return next year. (At least, all five Dreher children look forward to Family Camp with experienced eagerness.) Ask any Jim Bridger fan who went; he will spin you a mountain yarn in song. Just try it!

Leader Families

The Sadaichi Asai's of Partridge, the George Drehers of Wichita Concord, the Marcus Emmons of Clinton, Iowa, the Norman Holmes of New Orleans, the Lauren Matsons of McPherson.

Camper Families

The Ted Beards of KC First Pilgrim, the Hiram Dicksons and the Marvin Robinsons of Topeka Central. The Jim Gardners of Wichita Fairmount, the Paul Heide's of Wichita Plymouth, the Dean Millers of Great Bend, the George Pollmanns of Centralia, the Harold Rowlands of Manhattan, the Ralph Sicks of Russell, the Leland Townleys of Topeka Seabrook and the Henry Currys of Wichita Concord. ★ ★ ★

Garden City Migrant Work

Sponsored by the Kansas Council of Churches and the Garden City Ministerial Union, under the leadership of the Rev. Jack Fitzgerald, special programs for workers in the sugar beet fields were available this summer. These included a vacation Church School for children, afternoon activities for teen-agers and some evening programs for families.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Charles Gunn, President

Missionary Education

By the time our magazine reaches you your program for the year will, I trust, be well on its way. I do hope we are all following a program and not just having programs. I feel the program is still "Into All the World Together" just as much as it was last year.

This year, as you know, the Home Theme is "Churches for New Times". The times are new indeed. In North America we know of the problems caused by the population explosion, the fact that people live longer, cities mushroom, races and cultures intermingle and rapid transportation has made our world much smaller. Of course, there are many other changes in our way of living, but let us learn by study and action to help produce "Churches for New Times".

The Study Books for the home theme are very thought provoking: "Edge of the Edge" by Theodore Matson and "Deed and Design" by Virgil Foster. There are lots of ideas in "Fun and Festival from the United States and Canada." I find the "Pinpoint Plays" have many possibilities for being used as discussion starters.

The urgent needs of the Latin American countries are education, economic stability, a better understanding with people of the U.S.A. and a new interpretation of the gospel message. The theme, "The American Countries" will bring to all an awareness of these needs if we study the countries carefully. This can be done by serious study groups, films, newspapers, and informal talks given by people who know the Latin American countries by having lived there. The study books "Land of Eldorado" by Barbier and "The Quiet Crusade" are very good. "This is Latin America" gives a very clear picture.

I feel sure all of you have now had a chance to see a copy of YOUR CHURCH AND OUR CHRISTAIN WORLD MISSION. The plan outlined there for a six-weeks study course would certainly be enlightening. My sincere hope is that by study, learning, teaching, using the Prayer Calendar, and financial support, we can all further Our Christian World Mission.

Civilla Vinson
Missionary Education Chairman

State Women's Board Meets

Mrs. Charles Gunn, State President has issued invitations to Kansas W. F. Officers to meet at the First Congregational Church in Great Bend, Tuesday afternoon September 19 to Thursday morning September 21. Lodging will be provided in homes; breakfasts will be served at the church. Other meals will be in restaurants where each one may order and spend as she wishes. Liz adds: "If you are on Metracal you can get it at the drug store fountain."

These days of learning, planning and inspiration are a MUST for all officers.

Fall Workshops

Eastern Association Workshop with Mrs. Charles Armstrong, President, presiding, was held at Lawrence Ply-

mouth on September 6. In addition to study sessions on all areas of work, a report of General Council and General Synod was given by Mrs. Floyd Davidson, Assistant Moderator of the Conference, and the Rev. Marvin Ediger spoke on his recent Study Seminar in the Holy Land.

Southern Workshop, planned under the leadership of Mrs. A. J. Venning, President, is scheduled for Pilgrim Church, Wichita on September 14. Reports on General Council and General Synod will be given by Mrs. Robert Croskery and Mrs. Paxton Smith. Mrs. Ruth Carlson of Wichita Plymouth will review "Twelve Baskets Full" by Margaret Applegarth.

Women's Mid-West Regional Pre-Session

On Monday, October 16 from 9 A.M. to 9 P.M., the National Fellowship of C.C. women will sponsor a very worthwhile pre-session at Park Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Most of the national department of work Chairmen will be present to lead workshops in their respective areas. Miss Lillian Gregory will lead in worship and bring the evening message on "The Church of the Living God." There will be a special workshop for Association Presidents led by Mrs. George Kahlenberg, one for Vice-Presidents and Program by Mrs. Harry Lloyd and a Leadership Training Workshop led by Mrs. Charles Gunn. Mrs. R. W. Reneker, National President will preside.

This day preceeding the Mid-West gives top-notch training in every area of work, as well as rich inspiration for the year's work. The cost for registration, lunch and dinner is $4.00. Why not line up several carloads to go to Grand Rapids?

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs Rowles Anderson
By Hutchinson Fellowship

Mrs. R. R. Dodderidge
By Council Grove Fellowship

Miss Ruth O. Dyche
Mrs. Linda Muth
Mrs. C. H. Ashton
Mrs. E. O. Stene
By Lawrence Plymouth Fellowship

Mrs. Doris Ashley
By Almena Fellowship

Mrs. L. C. Barnett
By Topeka First Fellowship

In addition to the wonderful program the fall foliage should be out in all its glory.

A New Daughter

Our State President gained a daughter on August 19 when son Douglas was married to Virginia Railsback in our Manhattan Church. They are off to the east where Doug is enrolled in Yale Divinity School and Virginia is teaching Home Ec to Junior Hi girls.

Women's Fellowship Sunday

November 5 is the Sunday when the women should take an important place in the Sunday morning worship service. Plan early!

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Buddy See, President **Dorothy Reeves, Secretary**

Pictured above are new and retiring PF officers: Standing - Dorothy Reeves and Ed Mehlhaff. Seated (l. to r.) Buddy See and Mary Scott, also Jerry Adkins and Mary Faith Evans - last year's President and Secretary.

Officers
Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship
1961-1962

State Officers

President ..... Buddy See, Emporia
Vice Pres. ..... Mary Scott, Lawrence
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Sponsor ..... Rev. Robert Gurtler, KC Welborn

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Action .. Marilyn Hill, Wich. Pilgrim
Fellowship .. Janice Miles, Mt. Hope
Sponsor ..... Rev. Boyd Bonebrake, Mt. Hope

Western Association

President ..... Phil Nicholson, Ellis
Sec-Treas ..... Judi Palmer, Gorham
Faith ..... Janet Miller, Russell
Action ..... Ray Felton, Great Bend
Fellowship .... Roy Messmore, Salina
Sponsor .. Rev. Robert Rymph, Salina

Officers Meet

These officers, two dozen strong, met at the Rymph home from Sunday afternoon to Monday afternoon, Sept. 3 and 4. A highlight on Sunday evening was a report from Dick Epps, National Vice President on the recent North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly held at Ann Arbor, Michigan August 16-23.

Plans were laid for the Annual State-wide Senior P.F. Rally to be held at Kansas City Welborn, November 2 and 3.

Scholarships

At the Doane Meeting, P. F. scholarships of $300.00 each were awarded to three Kansans who are preparing for the Christian ministry. Recipients are: Floyd Sibley of Kiowa, Gene Clyma and Jerry Adkins of Kansas City Ruby, in school at Doane College.

Used Clothing Urgently Needed
Your P.F. Can Help
Plan A Clothing Drive

Calling ALL P F'ers

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To Make Real Our Faith . . . .

To Send Our Dollars Where We Can't Go Ourselves . . .

To Build Bridges of Understanding In A World Of Hate . . .

LAST YEAR: 1050 groups reported gifts totaling more than $50,000 through "Work Day for Christ." Send your "Dedicated Dollars."

Ecumenical Retreat

Representing Kansas P.F. at a weekend retreat sponsored by the Youth Work Committee of the Kansas Council September 8 and 9 were: Buddy See - President, Mary Scott - Vice President, Joe Heide - Faith Chairman and Rev. Ed Mehlhaff - State Sponsor.

Outstanding P.F'ers to Ministerial Student Program

Fairmount Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert Croskery is using two pre-theological students in the program of the church and the church is, in turn, giving them guidance and financial assistance. The two students are Richard (Dick) Epps of Topeka Central and Kent Thompson of Wichita.

Former State PF Presidents

Kent Thompson was Kansas P.F. president in 1957-58. Dick completed his year as President at P&T last year, but is serving as National Vice President until next summer. Both have been official delegates to a National Council meeting.

At Fairmount they will assist with youth work and carry out other pastoral duties under Mr. Croskery's supervision. Congratulations and Good Luck!

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Congratulations - Welborn

K. C. Welborn Senior PF'ers found themselves at the beginning of the summer with a $200.00 Christian Action pledge unpaid. They got busy with car-washes, ice cream socials, etc., and came up with their $200.00 plus $15.00 over, which they included in their check.

Dave Felton Serving

Dave Felton, pre-ministerial student who is a Senior at K-State this year preached at Kinsley two Sundays in August and is filling in at Wabaunsee in september.

Annual P. F. Giving

The Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship year closed August 31. Christian Action receipts totalled $4,768.89 from the following sources: PF pledges-$2,193.01; Work Day for Christ-$1,789.87; Camp Giving-$711.01; P&T offering-$75.00. The Goal was $5,500.00.

News of World Ministries

Among those who sailed on August 15 to teach in the Near East was Miss Martha Shaler of Topeka Central, going to Izmir. Another was Mrs. Lois Winegarner, a Kansas girl with a B.A. from Kansas State College at Pittsburg. She has taught in Kansas and Alaska, and most recently in Thermopolis, Wyoming. She also goes to Izmir.

News from Boston states that Dan Horiuchi of Emporia, after teaching in the Boys' School at Tarsus for the last three years, has extended his term to teach at Talas a year before returning home.

Merrill and Mildred Isley wrote from Turkey May 17 their plan for a family reunion on Cape Cod in mid-August, and the hope that they can celebrate Mildred's mother's 93rd birthday in Wichita on October 4th. They are retiring after 41 years of service in Turkey.

Word from Anna G. Edmunds of Istanbul, Turkey tells of many honors accorded the Isleys by their Turkish friends. At a dinner given by the city government of Gaziantep a street parallel to the main street was officially named "Isely". Among the pictures of them appearing in the newspapers, one has now become a picture postcard. We are happy for these well-deserved tributes and we welcome them to Kansas. Their address in Wichita will be 1638 Arkansas Avenue.

Town And Country Meeting

Town and Country people are invited to two conferences to be held this fall. First, is a meeting of Southern Plains leaders, October 16 and 17 near Palestine, Texas. At the same place, Oct. 17-19, the National Council is sponsoring a Regional Convocation on the theme "Power and Strategy for the Mission." Scholarship aid is available for both meetings, laymen on an equal basis with ministers. For further information, write Rev. Francis Turpin, Gaylord. Registrations are due before September 29.

MID-WEST REGIONAL MEETING

October 17, 18 & 19 1961

PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Theme
"The Living God and Today's World"

Further Information
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In Tribute

Two devoted church women, outstanding in Congregational circles and in community service in their Kansas communities, died recently after rich, full lives of service. They are Mrs. Percy Walker of Topeka First Church and Mrs. C. O. Swanson of Manhattan.

Mrs. Walker died on August 30 after a brief illness. Her father, the Rev. Mr. Thayer served as president of Fairmount College and as superintendent of the conference.

Mrs. Swanson died Sept. 2, age 89, following several months illness. A Church School teacher for more than 50 years and member of Kansas Tuberculosis Ass'n for 60 years, her deeds will live on.

Clothing Drives!

The changing season reminds us to get our clothes ready for fall and winter. Don't put away the summer clothes. Send them to Church World Service. There are many calls for light clothing for warm climates, and light bedding too. And when you take last winter's clothes out of moth balls, don't forget the refugees who are still wearing the threadbare cast-offs you sent them last year. Church World service estimates that they will need eight million pounds of clothing and bedding in the next few months.

Talk about this to your neighbors who don't go to church and get them to help. Men's clothing is always in short supply, and sturdy shoes for all ages. Any good garment will find a grateful owner.

C.R.O.P. sends out trucks to collect the clothing and take it to St. Louis. They have five routes through Kansas. The local people at each collection point can tell you where to leave your contribution, or you can inquire from the Topeka Office of the Kansas Council of Churches, 835 Western Avenue. Here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

September 18: Kansas City, Kansas, and also the week following Nov. 27.

October 9: Olathe, Ottawa, Lyndon, Emporia, Newton, Hutchinson, Lyons, Great Bend, McPherson, Marion.

October 23: Lawrence, Topeka, Manhattan, Junction City, Abilene, Salina, Minneapolis, Concordia, Belleville, Washington, Marysville, Sabetha, Hiawatha, Atchison.

We understand there are trucking companies who will take contributions to St. Louis free. Do you know of any? Please let us know.

C.R.O.P. — Presents: "Sounds of the Earth"—18 Minute Movie

The sensitive story of human need in Hongkong — Lee Chan and his family surviving their flight from the China Mainland is one of the "sounds" of human need around the world. It is the struggle to exist among a million other refugees with similar needs; their search for a new and better life that people everywhere will understand. "Wherever there is a human sound—there is a human want". Free from Kansas Council of Churches, 835 Western, Topeka, Kansas. Be sure to give two or three dates when writing.

New Director of Education

Wichita Plymouth announces that Mrs. Maxine C. Newlon has accepted an appointment as Director of Religious Education for the church. Prior to coming to Wichita she held a like position in the Campbell Avenue Methodist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

Mrs. Newlon received her A.B. degree from Oklahoma College for Women, her M.A. from George Peabody College at Nashville, Tenn., and took graduate work at Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Newlon fills the post left vacant when the Rev. Robert Herman resigned a year ago.

Drehers Write Thanksgiving Service

A very meaningful Thanksgiving Service for the Home, written by George and Kay Dreher appears in the October Church School Worker. We commend it to you.

Also October services of worship adaptable for use with juniors, young people and adults written by Mr. Dreher. These services are designed to strengthen appreciation of the Bible in accordance with the Pilgrim Series theme for the quarter.

McPherson Improvements

The sanctuary at McPherson has been completely remodeled this summer with installation of center aisle, new decorating, new furniture and carpet. Rev. and Mrs. George Stoneback and family spent their vacation period in the east following attendance at General Council in Philadelphia.

Shinn Resigns

Ross Shinn of Muscotah has resigned from the church there, effective in late September.

Sponsoring a Family

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis, Cal and Rachel Vanderwerf and Ada Swineford, with the help of others in Plymouth Church at Lawrence have made arrangements for Mr. and Mrs. Theodore van Joolen and their five children to come to the United States from the Netherlands. The van Joolens arrived in America late in August. They came to this country through the resettlement program of our Church World Service. The van Joolens have been endeavoring to immigrate to America since 1954. For them a dream of many years is this summer becoming a reality.

Campus Ministry

Young people from your church are leaving or have left for college this fall. Follow him or her with your prayers, letters and concern. Appoint a Student Secretary to keep in touch with these students. Be sure the minister of the College Church is aware of their presence and address. Encourage them to attend church.

Tysons to Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Tyson and family moved from Crete, Nebraska to Rockford, Illinois this summer. Dan has accepted a position there as Admissions Counselor for Rockford College.

Church Picnic

Leavenworth Pilgrim reports a delightful time on July 9 when 80 shared in a picnic meal followed by good fellowship. The Rev. LeeRoy Klemm is minister.

In Memory

Word has just been received of the death of the Rev. George H. Bretnall in Shepherdstown, W. Virginia on January 9. Mr. Bretnall, a retired minister, was a member of Eastern Association.

Turner in Japan

Dr. Dale Turner of University Church, Seattle, formerly of Lawrence Plymouth, was one of twenty-one Americans who spent two months this summer working in the United Church of Christ in Japan. The purpose of the project was to give practical assistance to young churches and pastors. Following a period of orientation in Japanese living, each pastor devoted himself to the pastoral, teaching and preaching ministry in cooperation with a Japanese pastor in a local congregation. Word from Darley Downs of Japan indicated that Dale had made a terrific impact during his stay there.

Kruse to Pastor's School

Rev. Clifton Kruse of Carbondale spent June 19 - July 21 studying at Lancaster Seminary in Pensylvania. This school, in addition to La Foret and Deering, was made available to C.C. and E&R ministers. Mr. Kruse reports a most worthwhile month.

Our Sympathy

The Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Sabetha received word July 15 of the death of his mother in Auburndale, Florida. She was 91 years of age. Mr. Ogden attended the Memorial Service.

Mrs. Charles Henry, widow of the late Rev. Charles E. Henry, died in a Topeka hospital late in July. The Henry's served Congregational churches at Arkansas City, Muscotah and Hiawatha.

Honored

In June the Rev. George W. Fisk of Rapid City, South Dakota, formerly of Wichita Fairmount was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree by Yankton College.

Maple Hill Centennial Celebration

The Senior Pilgrim Fellowship sponsored the Centennial Celebration held July 29th at Maple Hill. Pictured above is the Queen, Miss Trudi Mee and her attendants. The parade which started the day, was led by the PF officers, their Sponsor, Mr. Jack Warren, and the pastor, W. E. Dull and was viewed by about 1,000. Other events included a ballgame, a horse show which featured Palominoes performing a square dance, a carnival, an exhibition of yesteryear presented in full pageantry by the Pottawatomie Indians. The day closed with an ice cream social and a street dance. The Women's Fellowship and the town merchants assisted in the celebration. The PF realized a profit of $240.00 and the women made $195.00.

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Eighth Annual

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Nursery Leadership Filmstrip

This visual will help the teacher who wants to use the most up-to-date educational methods in working with the nursery-age children. It will guide parents and teachers to see ways in which children are finding Christian answers to: **Who Am I? Who Are You? and What Is The World Like?**

By Faith We Understand:

The story of the journey of the Hebrew people toward the promised land, and their formation into a nation under God. This is the new Fall curriculum filmstrip.

Other Visuals For Fall Study

The Joseph Story Series
Isaac Of The Tents
The Bible Thru The Centuries
Story Of Our Bible
Growth In Our Idea Of God
How The O.T. Came To Be
Spokesman For God
Life Of Christ - 2 parts
Amos, Shepherd Of Tekoa
The Bible Around the World
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Nursery Child & The Church
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First Steps In Religion

Audio Visuals For Use In Your Christian Enlistment

Our Church: Slides
Jimmy's Question: FSRC
Reason For Being: FSR
Miracle Of Warren Walker: FSRC
Split Level Family: M
The Secret Of The Gift: M
Hidden Heart: M
The Beginning: M
A Call For Kumar: FSR
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Building For Christian Experience

A new filmstrip in 2 parts:
Part I: Concerned with the close relationship between understanding how persons can learn and grow in Christian experience.
Part II: Considers the essential details of planning and building for Christian Education Committee, the Church Board and all who are interested in improving the Christian Education program in the church.